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FROM: JCRC-LNB  
TO: Commander, JCRC

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SUBJ: Letter of Transmittal, French Magazine Article

Forwarded for your information is a copy of an article written by French journalist SOURCE. The article was published in the French magazine DATA, but the publication date is unknown.

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Dear NAME

I was a little surprised the other day when your assistant called me, saying the DIA was looking forward to talk to me about POW/MIAs. The day after, Mr. NAME from the BBC, who is currently researching for a docu on the same subject, called me also, and what he told me makes me think there is some kind of quiproquo somehow about what I did and what I know about MIAs.

The rumor in Washington, DC., says Mr. NAME is that I have been to Indochina and personally saw american POWs in camps, in Laos and/or Vietnam. This is absolutely wild. I would like to clarify some points before this DIA gentleman comes to Paris and talks to me:

- I have never seen any live or dead MIA in South-East Asia.
- I researched a story on the issue, which took me to Thailand and the United-States.
- In Thailand, I have been able to interview various sources, ranging from laotian refugees to thai intelligence officers, and all kind of people who often cross the thai-lao border. Most of these sources also feed DIA or other american agencies. Beside, I double checked the accounts I had been given with the office for POW/MIA at the US Embassy in Bangkok.
- My story was published just a year ago in Paris DATA

The reason I wanted to make this clear is, as you may know, some groups try to exploit this issue in the United-States. Their aims are not all clear to me. I came across several people who could well distort any information as to make their case look better. Having talked to many MIA families and to a lot of veterans, I understand fully the emotional aspect of this issue in the States, and I believe it should not be taken lightly.

I really don't know what I could tell this DIA person, but I am still ready to meet him on the 21st of October if he wishes to. Here's a copy of my story, in case he hasn't read it yet.

Sincerely,

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